

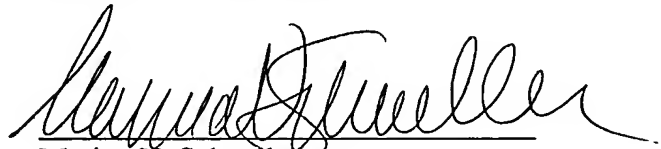
Applicants elect the subject matter of Claims 3-8 and 10 for prosecution, with traverse.

Applicants note the USPTO's request for election of species. However, the USPTO has not identified each of the disclosed species to which the claims are to be restricted. Please see Section 809.02, which indicates that to assert an election of species, the USPTO must identify clearly the alleged distinct species. Cf. Requirement (B) of Section 809.02.

Applicants have advised that all application-examples are within the elected claims 3-8 and 10.

An early action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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